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**From:** McGill, Thomas [Mcgill.Thomas@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 11/10/2020 11:46:02 PM  
**To:** Gettle, Jeaneanne [Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: status of BiOp for FL Assumption

Yes I suggest you send it on up, as we will not necessarily get a final draft by up without a call, I'm assuming at your level or above, to the FWS. I will look at the PA and give you feedback within the next 90 minutes if that's OK. Please feel free to call me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 10, 2020, at 5:51 PM, Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov> wrote:

So should I send the doc you sent me? Also – please see my email on the PA

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**From:** McGill, Thomas <Mcgill.Thomas@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:50 PM  
**To:** Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** Re: status of BiOp for FL Assumption

I requested a final draft of the BiOp, but my contact with the service wasn't certain whether they could provide one.

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On Nov 10, 2020, at 5:47 PM, Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov> wrote:

Tom,

Please let me know when we have a close to final biop to share with senior leaders for one last review.

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**From:** McGill, Thomas <Mcgill.Thomas@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** status of BiOp for FL Assumption

Jeaneanne,

We appear to be in good shape regarding ESA consultation on the State of Florida's request for 404 assumption, based on conversations between the EPA Team and the FWS during the past several days. They shared that they intend to formally transmit the BiOp to EPA next week.

Following EPA's transmittal of comments and suggested markups on the draft BiOp to the FWS on Oct 29, we held discussions with their staff Nov 5-9. The FWS shared that they appreciated our comments and in large part plan to incorporate our suggested language. They also shared additional revisions to certain sections of the BiOp language as a follow-up to our discussions, which are included in the attachment and presented as mark-ups in comparison to the original draft BiOp language we received for these sections. Our Team reviewed these revisions and have no concerns.

The BiOp is currently undergoing internal review within the FWS offices, and I plan to touch base with them later this week to check whether there are any substantive updates to the status.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss please let me know.

Tom